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SUBJECT: FURTHER EXTENSION BY PROTOCOL OF INTERNATIONAL WHEAT
AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 025344

1. EMBOFFS DISCUSSED EXTENSION BY PROTOCOL OF IWA AS PER REFTTEL
R. BALASUBRAMANIAM, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE'S DEPARTMENT OF FOOD. BALASUBRAMANIAM EXPLAINED THAT
A DECISION ON THE PROTOCOL EXTENSION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, BUT
ONLY AT THE CABINET LEVEL. HE ALSO EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT OVER
PROTRACTED NATURE OF IWA NEGOTIATIONS AND FELT THE IMPASSE
PERCEIVED BETWEEN THE USG POSITION AND THAT OF THE EEC AND
CANADA

AS WELL AS THE INTERMINABLE NATURE OF PAST DISCUSSIONS WAS MORE
SIGNIFICANT THAN ARGUMENTS OVER THE LENGTH OF THE EXTENSION. HE
OFFERED THE VIEW THAT ALL DEMOCRACIES FACE CUMBERSOM RATIFICA-
TION PROCEDURES AND FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE LATE 1977 OR EVEN 1978
BEFORE A NEW IWA WAS NEGOTIATED.

2. ALTHOUGH NOT SPECIFICALLY DENYING THAT DUAL PRICING WAS AN IM-
PORTANT GOI CONCERN, HE STATED THAT A MORE IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE WAS A
NEW IWA WITH MEANINGFUL FOOD RESERVE PROVISIONS. EMBOFFS DID NOT
PRESS FOR POSSIBLE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD RECOMMENDATIONS RE LENGTH
OF EXTENSION; HOWEVER BALASUBRAMANIAM VOLUNTEERED THAT IF
AGREEMENT WITHIN A ONE YEAR TIME FRAME WAS UNLIKELY, THEN A ONE
YEAR EXTENSION WOULD NOT MAKE MUCH SENSE.
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